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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2003

In response to the final Office Action dated December 2, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 2, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3462.D1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are shown in a listing that begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 4.